THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA

Writ Petition No. 17998 of 2007

Dated: 24.08.2007

Between:

Avula Ramesh.

.... PETITIONER

AND

The Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Company Limited, rep. by its Chairman and Managing Director, Lakadikapul, Hyderabad and another.

.....RESPONDENTS

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Order:

The petitioner states that he is working as Typist on contract basis in the respondent-APCPDCL from 01.04.1997 to till date and though he is eligible for absorption/appointment in the said post as per B.P. Ms. No. 36, dated 18.05.1997, the 2nd respondent, by impugned order dated 06.01.1999, has rejected his case for absorption on the ground that he was not on rolls as on 18.05.1997. Questioning the said rejection order, the petitioner filed the present writ petition.

Heard Ms. M. Ambuja, learned counsel, representing
Sri S. Ravindranath, learned counsel for the petitioner and
Sri P.R. Balarami Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent-APCPDCL.

On the ground that the petitioner was not on rolls as on 18.05.1997, as required by B.P. Ms. No.36, the 2nd respondent passed the impugned order. Though the impugned order was passed as far back as on 06.01.1999, the petitioner filed the writ petition on 22.08.2007 i.e., after lapse of above eight years. The petitioner, except saying that after receipt of rejection order he made several representations, but there is no response from the respondent-APCPDCL, has not explained any reason, for not challenging the impugned rejection order for more than eight long years. In the circumstances, I am of the considered opinion that the writ petition suffers from laches, and is liable to be dismissed as such.

Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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N.V. RAMANA, J.

Date: 24.08.2007
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